

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

1. (Currently Amended) A process for setting [[the]] a crop mark for and/or in a print production, in which prints are continuously printed on a web; the process comprising:

cutting the web lengthwise into a first web strand and at least one second web strand;

converging the first web strand with at least the second web strand and/or at least one other web strand to form a web strand bundle;

5 cross-cutting the web strand bundle between prints following each other in the direction of conveying;

adjusting lengths of paths of the web strands of the bundle, before the convergence, by path length changes that are selected to be such that crop mark positions of the web strands 10 related to the cross cutting are set; and

said step of adjusting lengths of the paths includes selecting the path length change for the first web strand to be such that a greatest of the path length changes is smaller than it would be if the path length of the first web strand were not adjusted.

2. (Currently Amended) The [[A]] process in accordance with claim 1, wherein the path length change of the first web strand is selected to be such that the greatest of the path length changes becomes minimal.

3. (Currently Amended) The [[A]] process in accordance with claim 1, wherein the path length change is selected for each of the web strands of the bundle to reduce and/or minimize

the greatest of the path length changes.

4. (Currently Amended) The [[A]] process in accordance with claim 1, wherein at least one of the web strands of the bundle is turned and/or reversed before the convergence and the path length change is performed for the turned and/or reversed web strand before the turning and/or reversal.

5. (Currently Amended) The [[A]] process in accordance with claim 1, wherein the first web strand is converged with the second web strand and/or with the at least one other web strand of the bundle directly, without turning, and cross-cut.

6. (Currently Amended) The [[A]] process in accordance with claim 1, wherein a color mark of a printing cylinder, which transfers ink for a print to be printed on the web in the pattern of an image, is set in such a way that the setting is coordinated with the change in the path length of the first web strand in order to obtain the crop mark position of the web strand  
5 that is related to the cross cutting.

7. (Currently Amended) The [[A]] process in accordance with claim 1, further comprising:

providing at least one ~~said~~ printing couple for printing on a the web;  
providing a lengthwise cutting means for said lengthwise cutting of the web into the first

5        web strand and the at least one second web strand;  
              providing converging means for said converging of the first web strand with the at least  
              second web strand and/or at least one other strand to form a bundle;  
              providing a cross-cutting means for ~~said~~ said cross-cutting of the bundle; and  
              providing a crop mark setting device comprising at least one deflecting means for each  
10      of the web strands of the bundle, said deflecting means forming a deflection axis for the web  
              strand of the bundle, ~~the web strand being associated with it~~, wherein said deflecting means is  
              mounted movably such that the particular deflection axis formed is adjustable at right angles to  
              an axial direction by a maximum adjusting path length, wherein the maximum adjusting path  
              length of each of said deflecting means is such that the adjusting path lengths by which the  
15      deflection axes must be adjusted for setting the crop mark positions of the web strands, said  
              crop mark positions being related to the cross-cutting, can be split between said deflecting  
              means of all web strands of the bundle.

8. (Currently Amended) The [[A]] process in accordance with claim 7, wherein each  
of said deflecting means is adjustable by a maximum adjusting path length, which is at least half  
the maximum adjusting path length of each other of said deflecting means.

9. (Currently Amended) The [[A]] process in accordance with claim 7, wherein the  
maximum adjusting path lengths of said deflecting means are at least essentially equal.

10. (Currently Amended) The [[A]] process in accordance with claim 7, wherein the first web strand is a direct strand, which is converged without turning with at least the second web strand and/or the at least one other web strand to form the web strand bundle.

11. (Currently Amended) The [[A]] process in accordance with claim 7, wherein said converging means comprises a turning bar means for the second web strand or the at least one other web strand of the bundle, and said deflecting means for the second web strand or the at least one other web strand of the bundle is arranged in the path of the second web strand or of the at least one other web strand of the bundle in front of the turning bar means.

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12. (Currently Amended) The [[A]] process in accordance with claim 7, wherein the converging means comprises a turning bar means for the second web strand and said deflecting means for the first web strand and said deflecting means for the second web strand are arranged on a common part of the path of the web strands in front of the turning bar means.

13. (Currently Amended) The [[A]] process in accordance with claim 12, wherein said deflecting means for the first web strand and said deflecting means for the second web strand are arranged such that the web can be pulled in during the pulling in of the web around both said deflecting means before it the web is cut lengthwise.

14. (Currently Amended) The [[A]] process in accordance with claim 7, wherein said

deflecting means for the first web strand and said deflecting means for the second web strand are arranged such that the path of the first web strand separates from the path of the second web strand only behind the two deflecting means.

15. (Currently Amended) The [[A]] process in accordance with claim 7, wherein said deflecting means for the first web strand and said deflecting means for the second web strand are arranged such that the web can be guided simultaneously around both said deflecting means during the pulling in of the web.

16. (Currently Amended) A process for adjusting a crop mark on a web, the process comprising the steps of:

providing the web with a plurality of cropmarks;

cutting the web lengthwise into a first web strand and a second web strand;

5 moving said first and said second web strands along separate first and second paths respectively;

converging said first web strand with said second web strand to form a web strand bundle;

cross-cutting said web strand bundle after said converging based on said cropmarks;

10 adjusting lengths of said paths of said web strands before said converging to adjust a position of said cropmarks at said converging, said adjusting including adjusting said length of both said first and second paths between said cutting and said converging with a greatest of the

path length changes being smaller than a path length change required, to provide the same adjustment of position of said cropmarks at said converging, if the path length of one of the web strands were not adjusted.

17. (Previously Presented) A process in accordance with claim 16, wherein:  
a measuring of a deviation of said cropmarks is performed;  
said adjusting of said length of said first and second paths is performed to have individual changes in both of said lengths be less than said deviation of said cropmarks.

18. (Previously Presented) A process in accordance with claim 17, wherein:  
said adjusting of said length of said first and second paths is performed to minimize length changes in said first and second paths.

19. (Currently Amended) A process for setting a crop mark for a print production the process comprising:

continuously printing prints on a web;  
cutting the web lengthwise into a first web strand and at least one second web strand;  
5 converging the first web strand with at least the second web strand and/or at least one other web strand to form a web strand bundle;  
cross-cutting the web strand bundle between prints following each other in the direction of conveying;

10 a measuring of a deviation of the cropmarks between web strands before convergence;  
adjusting lengths of paths of the web strands of the bundle, before the convergence, by  
web strand path length changes that are selected to be such that crop mark positions of the web  
strands are set related to the cross cutting by selecting individual path length changes that are  
each less than said deviation of the cropmarks.